Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Esther Dirks, and we are richer because Esther lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

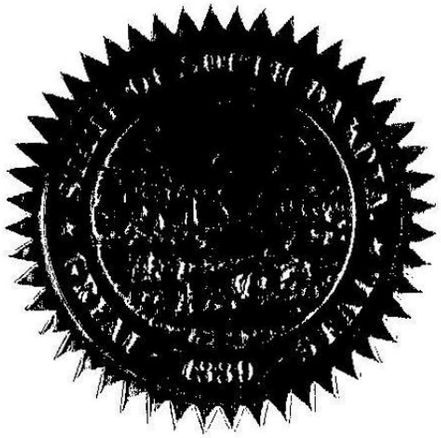
Whereas, Esther was born May 10, 1924; and,

Whereas, Esther will observe her 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives honor her and celebrate her life; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2009, as

ESTHER DIRKS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State